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be possible to offer an amendment even at that very session. Thereupon the substitute was withdrawn and the constitution was adopted but immediate adjournment followed. Now, when the Committee which you appointed comes in and advises the rejection of the offered amendments at this time and under these circumstances, it means that democratic representation of the American Library Association in the Council can not come for two or perhaps three years more. I am loth to question the justice of this action, but I, for one, should be very sorry to have the report of the Committee adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: The question before the house is that the report of the Committee on amendments be adopted. Further discussion of that question is still in order. If there is to be no further discussion, the Chair will put the question.

The question was determined in the affirmative, Ayes, 47; Noes, 28.

THE PRESIDENT: You are aware that the constitution as adopted the other day was without by-laws. The new constitution provides that by-laws may be adopted by vote of the Association upon recommendation of the Executive board. The Executive board received from the Revision committee certain proposals for by-laws. These it now recommends to the Association for adoption. The Secretary will please read the former by-laws, with the proposed changes of each section in which a change occurs.

The Secretary then read each by-law in its existing and in its proposed form. After full discussion each section was adopted as follows:

By-Laws

Sec. 1. Any person renewing membership shall pay all arrears of dues or dues required of new members. Members whose dues are unpaid at the close of the annual conference, and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of the same has been sent by the treasurer, shall be dropped from membership.

Each new member shall be assigned a consecutive number in the order of first joining and paying dues. A delinquent member re-joining shall receive his original number. It shall be the duty of members to inform the secretary promptly of any change of address.

The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.

Sec. 2. At least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association the Executive board shall appoint a committee of five, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board, to nominate the elective officers and other members of the Executive board, Trustees of the Endowment fund, and such members of the Council as are to be chosen by the Association under the provisions of Sec. 14 of the Constitution.

This committee shall report to the Executive board which shall after adoption of the report, post its nominations 48 hours before the election and shall place such nominations before the Association on a printed ballot which shall be known as the "Official ballot." The Board shall also include on such ballot other nominations filed with the secretary by any five members of the Association at least 24 hours before the election, provided that with the petition containing such nominations or noted upon it, shall be filed the consent of the person or persons so nominated.

In general, nominations to the Council shall be made with a view of having it representative of all sections of the country and of the principal classes of libraries included in the Association. No person shall be nominated as president, first or second vice-president or councilor of the Association for two consecutive terms. No more than the required number of nominations shall be made by the committee. The position and residence of each nominee shall be given on the official ballot.

Sec. 3. At the first meeting of the Council at each annual conference, there shall be designated a committee of five to nominate the new members of the Council which the Council itself is to elect for the next ensuing term. This committee shall report to the Council, and the election by the Council shall be by ballot. The prohibition in Sec. 2 of the re-elec-

tion of a councilor for two consecutive terms shall not apply to the councilors elected by the Council itself.

Sec. 4. In case of a vacancy in any office, except that of president, the Executive board may designate some person to discharge the duties of the same *pro tempore.*

Sec. 5. The president and secretary, with one other member appointed by the Executive board, shall constitute a program committee, which shall, under the supervision of the Executive board, arrange the program for each annual meeting, and designate persons to prepare papers, open discussions, etc., and shall decide whether any paper which may be offered shall be accepted or rejected, and if accepted, whether it shall be read entire, by abstract or by title. It shall recommend to the Executive board printing accepted papers entire or to such extent as may be considered desirable. Abstracts of papers to be presented at annual conferences shall be in the hands of the program committee at least two weeks before the conference.

Sec. 6. The Executive board shall appoint a committee of eight on library training, which shall from time to time investigate the whole subject of library schools and courses of study, and report the results of its investigations, with its recommendations. The membership of this committee shall be as follows: one member of a state library commission, one librarian of a free public library of at least 50,000 volumes, one librarian of a college or reference library, one library trustee, four library school graduates including one from the faculty of a library school; one school graduate and one other member to retire each year.

Sec. 7. The Executive board shall appoint annually a committee of three on library administration, to consider and report improvements in any department of library economy, and make recommendations looking to harmony, uniformity, and co-operation, with a view to economical administration.

Sec. 8. The Executive board shall at each annual meeting of the Association appoint a committee of three on resolutions, which shall prepare and report to the Association suitable resolutions of acknowledgment and thanks. To this committee shall be referred all such resolutions offered in meetings of the Association.

Sec. 9. The objects of sections which may be established by the Council under the provisions of Sec. 17 of the constitution, shall be discussion, comparison of views, etc., upon subjects of interest to the members. No authority is granted any section to incur expense on account of the Association or to commit the Association by any declaration of policy. A member of the Association eligible under the rules of the section may become a member thereof by registering his or her name with the secretary of the section.

Sec. 10. Provision shall be made by the Executive board for sessions of the various sections at annual meetings of the Association, and the programs for the same shall be prepared by the officers of sections in consultation with the program committee. Sessions of sections shall be open to any member of the Association, but no person may vote in any section unless registered as a member of the same. The registered members of each section shall, at the final session of each annual meeting, choose a chairman and secretary, to serve until the close of the next annual meeting.

THE PRESIDENT: There is no further business, ladies and gentlemen, therefore the meeting is adjourned until tomorrow at half-past two, punctually.

FIFTH GENERAL SESSION

(Saturday, July 3, 1909, 2:30 p. m.)

THE PRESIDENT called the meeting to order, and MR CEDRIC CHIVERS read his paper on

THE PAPER AND BINDING OF LENDING LIBRARY BOOKS

Practical experience has told us of the deterioration of paper used in lending library books in recent years. Books are used harder now than they ever were, and the paper composing them is of a worse